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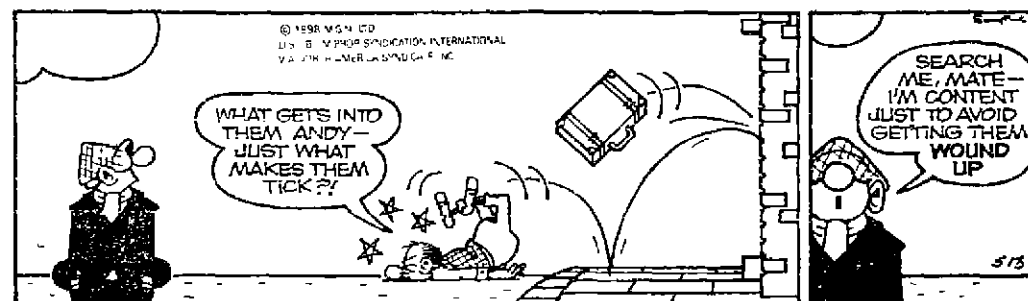
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



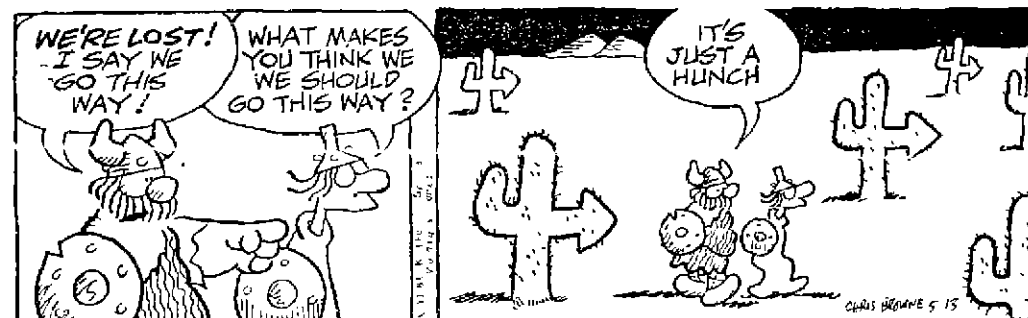
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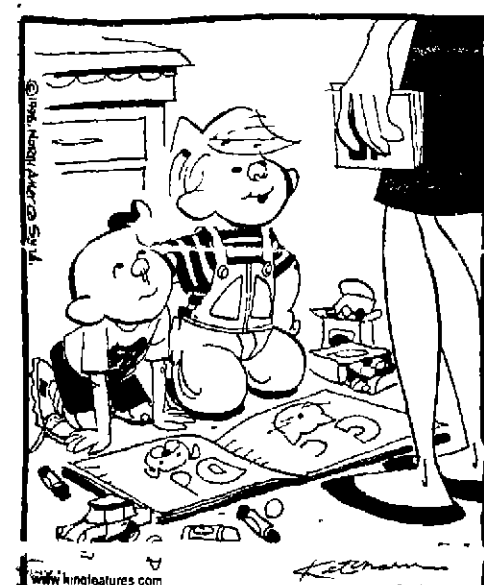
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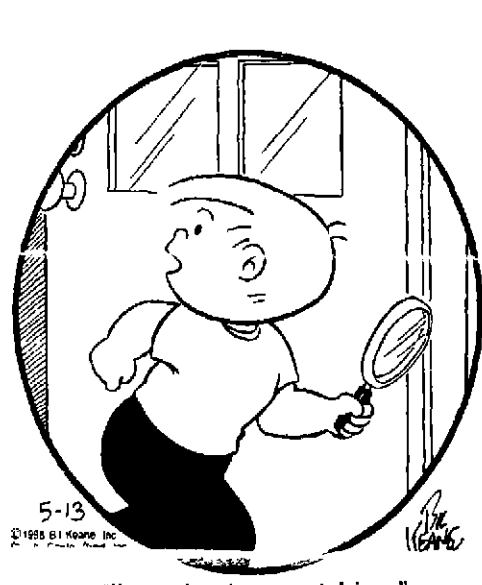
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DENNIS THE MENACE



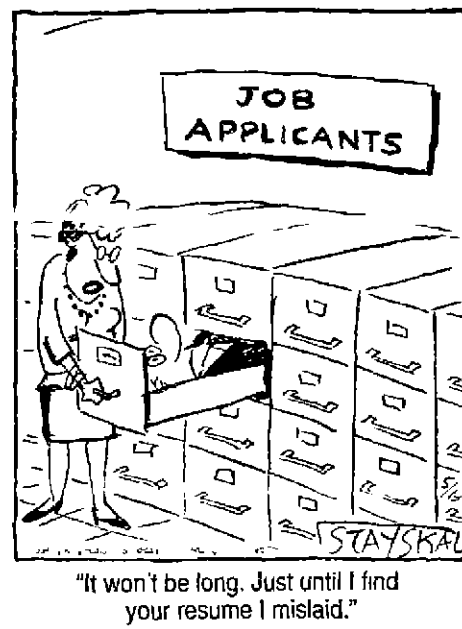
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress **Beatrice Arthur** is 72. Critic **Clive Barnes** is 71. Director-choreographer **Herbert Ross** is 71. Actor **Franklin Ajaye** is 49. Singer **Stevie Wonder** is 48. Basketball player **Dennis Rodman** is 37. Actress **Julianne Phillips** is 36. Country singer **Lari White** is 33. Singer **Darius Rucker** (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 32.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

U I K S E C L N Triple Word Score

B S O R E E V

G A E E V S A

N A I H V L A L 3rd Letter Double

PAR SCORE 140-150

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get sub-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merram Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-19-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Shipping -

K A X U R P M J G D A X V S Q

N K I F D A X V L T Q O M J H

F C A Y W U R A M R Y P N L J

H F D E B Z I S S E R D D A X

V D E P A R T M E N T T T K R

Q O M A E E K T N I S H I C H

F D B T Z T A Y A A U G O O W

V T A R O N U O L T D I N D L

K M I H G E F O R N N E D C A

L E B A L C Z O R O I W X W V

U S M Y N A P M O C R Q O N M

Tuesday's unlisted clue SHIP

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: Contains the "Ship To" Address

Address	Department	Magnate	Route
Center	Dock	Material	Tape
Company	Industry	Method	Weight
Container	Lanes	Port	

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, May 14, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some find romance through the job. You could be impatient for success.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you'll be pleased with the day's romantic developments, you could be disappointed in a friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might invest in art or antiques. Sometimes we must have faith.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Travel prospects look good. You could be trying too hard in business.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Connections help you in business. A money concern makes it hard to relax with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Despite a pleasant social outing, you tend to worry too much.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're not ready to unveil a creative project, but you'll be working on it in your spare time. A night out will relax you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You'll be dressing your best or sprucing up your appearance. Compliments come your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A problem at work concerns you. A talk with a close friend proves inspiring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're upbeat, but a partner could be down in the dumps. A planned domestic venture is delayed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You'll enjoy home life. You're uneasy about romance, and it could take a while to unwind.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) It's a lovely day for romance. Don't let feelings of being unappreciated on the job keep you from seeing a new opportunity.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's South cleverly managed the bidding to entice a favorable lead. It wasn't enough. What he gained in the bidding he quickly squandered in the play. Instead of cue-bidding, up the line, South chose four hearts over four diamonds. And when North showed control in clubs, South leaped directly to the slam. Mission accomplished. West took the bait and led the "the unbid suit." This was exactly what South had planned, a heart lead would have been uncomfortable. Unfortunately, South wasn't as clever with his club suit. After drawing trumps, South cashed dummy's club ace, intending to finesse against East for a possible overtrick. When East discarded, South lost the possible overtrick and his slam as well. Since he could now manage only one heart discard on dummy's clubs, he lost his slam. After his clever manipulations in the bidding, South should have been less greedy in the play. His best plan to win 12 tricks after the diamond lead was to execute a safety play in clubs. At trick two, South should cash his trump king and his club king. Then he crosses to dummy in trumps to lead a low club toward his jack. This might cost an overtrick when clubs are 3-2, but it ensures the slam when clubs are 4-1. In today's layout, West takes South's jack with his queen, but South later finesesses against West's 10. Had East held the club stack, South's jack would win a trick, giving South the same four club winners and two heart discards.

Vulnerable North-South
Dealer North
The bidding

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Diamond five

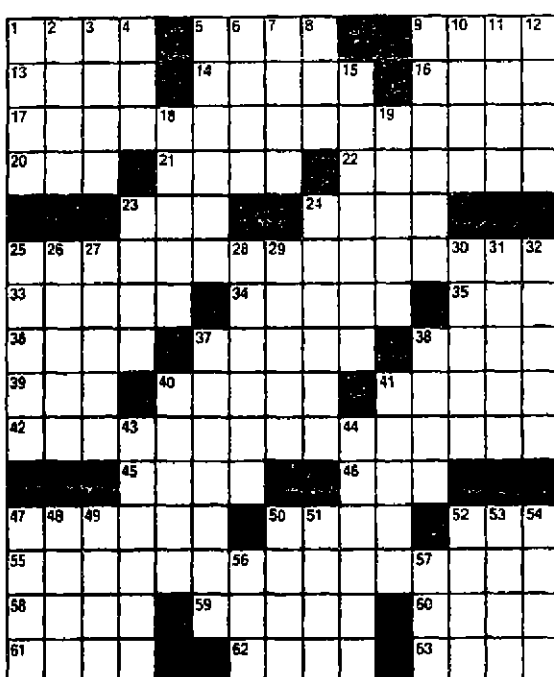
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0401

- ACROSS**
- Check
 - Fill to excess
 - Country bumpkin
 - New Jersey city
 - All-night teen parties
 - Send off
 - Lollipop
 - Ready to serve
 - They're trouble for roses
 - Bass, for one
 - Fox
 - Honeydew, e.g.
 - Spa
 - Excessively
 - Parched
 - Bug
 - One of Columbus's ships
 - Words at the altar
 - Senator John
 - Like a shoe
 - Peaches
 - Idiom: Abbr.
 - Sound choice
 - Look
 - 1936 candidate
 - London
 -
 - Sounds from Hawaii
 - Legend in automobiles
 - Top spot
 - Meal eaten in a hall
 - They get in the way of sound thinking
 - More than lean
- DOWN**
- Great deal
 - Character
 - Lip
 - "Mamma—!"
 - Dishes with syrup
 - Hardly believable
 - Pizza place
 - Money for a Toyota, say
 - One of the Beverly Hills
 - Mine, in Marseille
 - Species
 - Alpine off-seasons
 - Stiff
 - Heights
 - Viewfinders?
 - Give — to (approve)
 - Relay sticks
 - Screen letters
 - "Rigoletto" composer
 - The "Hill" Men's poet
 - Doubleday and others

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

REIN SATIE RUBE
ARTY EXILE ALAN
BASEBALLINFIELD
ETA ALEE COSETS
ICI SARI
PERSONWHOSUNHIP
ALIEN HAREM ARA
TIGE GISTS EGAN
HWH LOTTO ACUTE
OUTSIDE OF A WHEEL
ALLY LOO
ORCHESTRAMEMBER
AGUA SANTA ABLE
ROMY JEER WALK



Puzzle by Alan Arbesberg

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 29 Fran Drescher TV role | 44 Works by 26 Down | 52 Purina competitor |
| 30 Beneficial | 47 Pigsty | 53 Mortgage |
| 31 Fair-sized musical group | 48 Puff | 54 Good-lookin' |
| 32 Parasite | 49 Party times | 56 Secure, as a victory |
| 37 Colorado city on the Rio Grande | 50 Complacent | 57 Prattle |
| 38 Film genre | 51 River in Spain | |

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